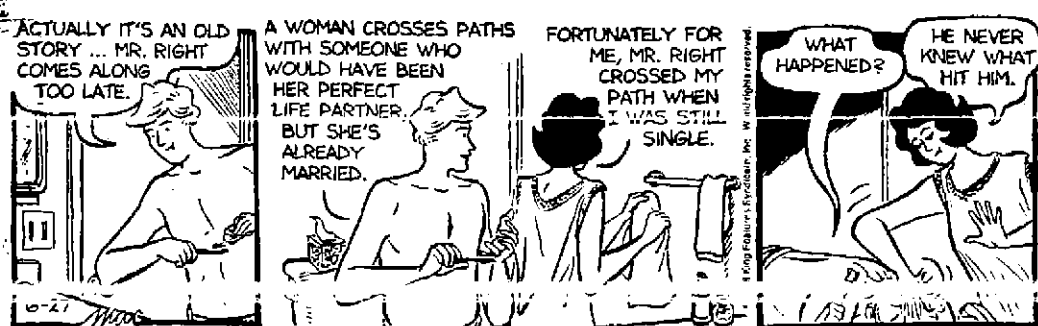


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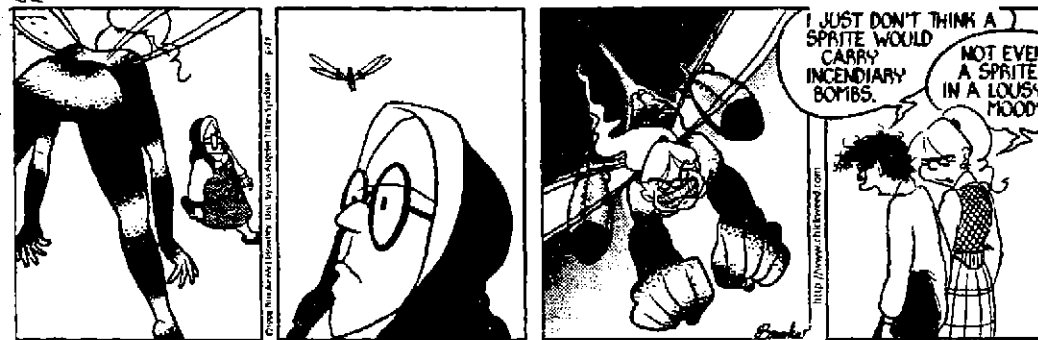
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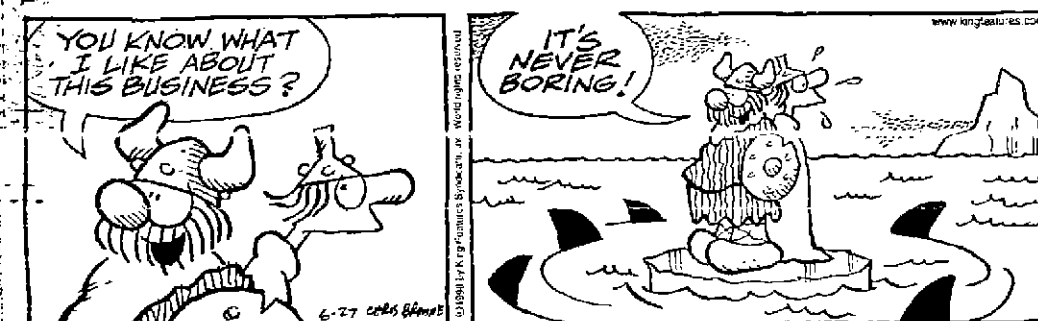
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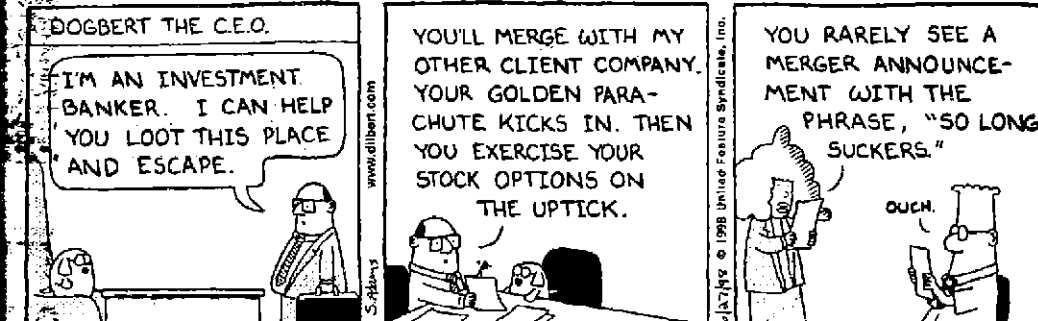
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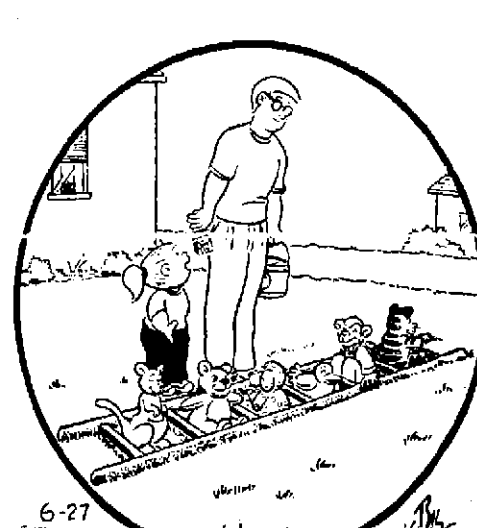
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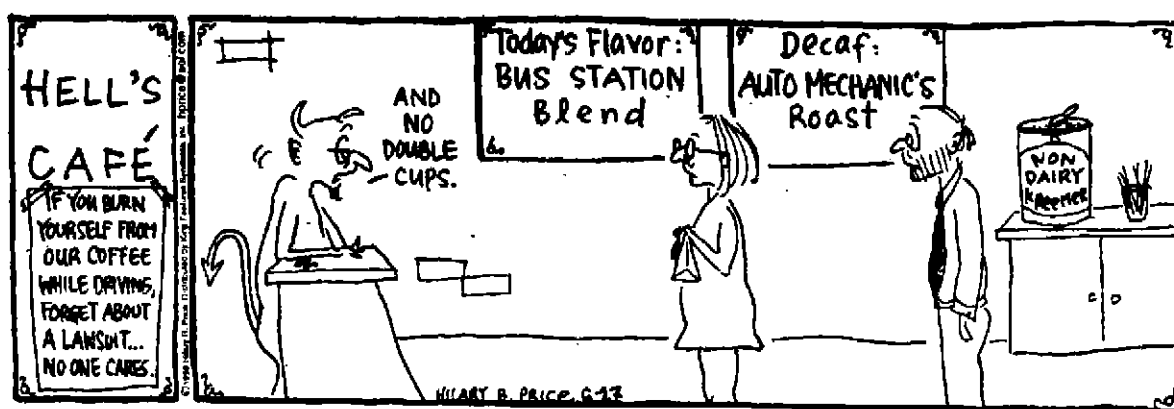
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

"Captain Kangaroo," Bob Keeshan, is 71. Business executive Ross Perot is 68.

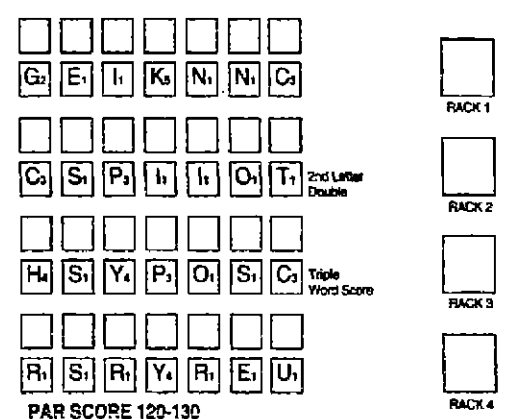
Motto is 64. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, is 62. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 54. Actress Julia Duffy is 47. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 43. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 39. Actor Brian Driller is 38. Actress Madylin Sweeten ("Everybody Loves Raymond") is 7.

I NEED HELP



When Smurfs dine out.

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 120-130

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 6-27-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Robert -

F M J G D F A X V D S Q N K I
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A Y W U R L E R P N L Y T J H
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G O U L E T D F D E C K H A A
Z A A X W E V U S D L R Q T O
V N M K R O L Y A T J E I S H

Friday's unlisted clue: MIDWAY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: AMERICAN POET

Altman Duvall Kennedy Taylor
Burns E. Lee McNamara The Bruce
Conrad Fulton Redford Vaughn
De Niro Goulet Stack

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, June 28, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Investigate the source of your recent troubles; it could be that all you need is clearer directions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try not to be too unrealistic in your expectations of family members and friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You provide an invaluable service to someone in need. Put yourself on the back for your altruistic act.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a great time for negotiating, as people around you are feeling unusually generous.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You find yourself in a remarkably good mood, so plan to spread the joy around by arranging a special treat for a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's rather a mundane time for you. Take those vitamins, get some exercise, and you can nip potential illness in the bud.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is an excellent time to get out and make new friends, as everyone will respond to you positively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A challenge might arise to your position. Similarly, resist the urge to show your flamboyance at inopportune moments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Although you might be overcome by the urge to blow your budget, try to find more frugal ways to spoil yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Someone you trust is likely to disappoint you. Surround yourself with reliable friends, and try not to feel embittered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You find yourself in the role of adviser to a close friend. Make sure you're not neglecting your own needs.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Resist the urge to get caught up in idle gossip. Attend to your main responsibilities. You might be having trouble concentrating.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"What happened?" asked a bewildered South. "Did you have your trump queen mixed in with your clubs?"

"No, I couldn't have overlooked two black queens," replied West innocently. "Why do you ask? Would you have made the game otherwise?"

This time his eyes betrayed his mischievous intent. West led his diamond queen and continued with another diamond, East covering dummy's six. East persisted with his diamond king, and South ruffed with his nine. Did West overruff as most might do? No, he casually discarded his heart deuce. Convinced that East had the trump queen, South crossed to dummy's club ace and pushed dummy's trump jack through East's supposed queen. Surprise! West took his queen and led a heart, and South could no longer make his game. Eventually he had to concede a club to West, and South won only nine tricks. What would have happened had West overruffed with his trump queen? Nothing good for the defense. After South draws trumps, he tries the percentage club finesse. It wins, and instead of taking only nine winners, South makes his game and rubber. A cunning play, accompanied by an air of innocence, is likely to entice any declarer into lunging at the bait.

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NORTH
♠ J 7 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ J 6 3
♣ A J 8 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 5
♥ 9 8
♦ A K 10 9 8 4
♣ 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 9 3
♥ A K Q
♦ 7 5
♣ K 7 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

The bidding:

East South West North

2♦ 3♦ 3♠ 3♠

Pass 3♥ Pass 1♠

Pass Pass Pass Pass

*weak two-bid

Opening lead: Diamond queen

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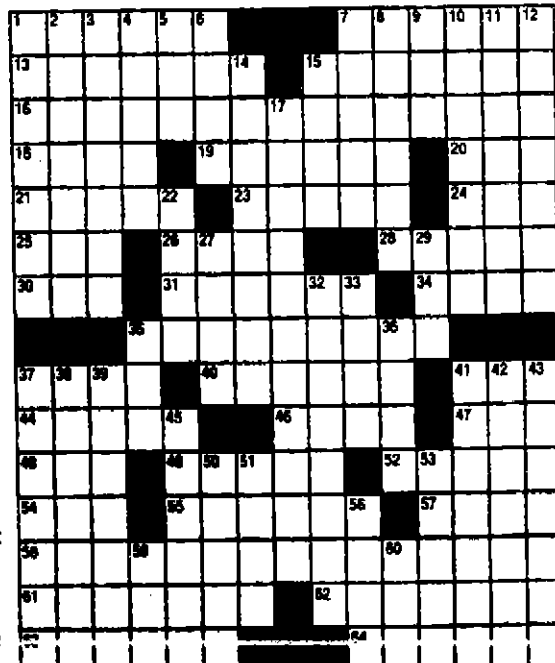
- 1 Practiced
- 7 Meets head-on
- 13 Some public exhibits
- 15 Sustenance
- 16 Accountant
- 18 Family man?
- 19 Good source of exercise
- 20 Sinatra's "Fool to Want You"
- 21 Prince Valiant's wife
- 23 Tickle
- 24 Year in Trojan's reign
- 25 Bear, e.g.: Abbr.
- 26 Columnist Rowan
- 28 Like some apartments
- 30 Detachable container
- 31 1975 hurricane
- 34 "Nothing" (bargainer's demand)
- 38 Matter for Poirot
- 37 Blame receiver?
- 40 Whodunit awards
- 41 Quick addenda
- 44 France's — Re
- 46 Thrombus
- 47 Gloating cry
- 48 Morse tap
- 49 Crib
- 52 R. J. Reynolds brand
- 54 Scale notes
- 55 amphitheater spot
- 57 Dollar, in slang
- 58 Shot in the dark
- 61 "The Minstrel" poet
- 62 More obstinate
- 63 Rationality
- 64 Secretarial sorts

DOWN

- 1 Baked beans maker
- 2 Ready for
- 3 Cut of beef
- 4 Clunky shoe
- 5 Poetic preposition
- 6 Board members: Abbr.
- 7 Divulge without thinking
- 8 Car wash device
- 9 Cable choice
- 10 Way to go
- 11 "A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his —": Wilde
- 12 Difficulties
- 14 Part of a belt
- 15 "Song of the Golden Call," e.g.
- 17 Out-fashioned introduction
- 22 Cannonball maker, say
- 27 Wings: Lat.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SHYTEL TITMICE
CORNEA MARIACHI
AVIDLY OCONNELL
REVELATIONS WOE
AND BALMS TARE
SEA COREA TITAN
GOURD ABEL
MARTY PAPER
MOVES DESET
PANSY CATER PTA
MUM NOSTRADAMUS
OMELETTE TOUPÉE
NINETEEN ERNEST
ATTESTS SMARTS



Puzzle by Jim Page

43 Elke and family
46 Kennedy home, e.g.
50 Spelling and others
51 Three-sided sword
56 Nor forthright
58 1984-88 skating gold medalist
59 N.F.L. linemen: Abbr.
60 Misbehave

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